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EXHIBIT NO. 225.

Comment to the City Council include Storm water systems in the current budget

As I think you all know, I have been busy attending Planning Commission meetings over the past several months, hopefully helping the process of the environmentally critical areas update.

As you also know, I am a member of the watchdog organization, Citizens for Sammamish and was the organizer of last night's debate on the Community Center. We were delighted with the program in that it gave all parties an opportunity to share their opinions. If you missed the debate and would like to see it, the videos should be on YouTube tomorrow.

I am here tonight to bring the two together. The City would like to spend over \$25 million Dollars on a community center to serve around 10% of our population. At the same time I have had the importance of protecting the environment and in particular, Lake Sammamish, drilled into me at virtually every Planning Commission meeting. Currently, dirty runoffs from the roads, roofs and natural erosion are going directly into Lake Sammamish via ditches, further polluting it even more than it already is.

What is the link? Priorities. Everyone agrees there is lack of adequate stormwater systems to protect the Lake. Especially in areas designated as environmentally critical. It is not just the developers that are affected, but every homeowner in the EHNSWB overlay has had their property rights either severely limited or taken away in order to protect the Lake. This protection is a benefit to all citizens of Sammamish, but a very high price to the few. We are talking about hundreds of acres of land in Sammamish and, I would guess, close to the same number of citizens who are affected as would be using the Community Center. This could all be alleviated by adding more stormwater systems; an essential function of government. I know you have started work on this with your consultants, but I believe that this process should be expedited for the benefit of all citizens of Sammamish who want to protect the Lake.

If you feel comfortable spending \$25 million on a non-essential Community Center, I would like to see a similar amount spent adding quality stormwater systems to protect the Lake and restore property rights. A few are paying a high price of lost property rights in order to benefit all citizens of Sammamish in protecting our beautiful environment. I encourage you to make sure you have included enough money in the upcoming budget to implement all three stormwater systems under study as soon as physically practical.

With all due respect, I would find it hard to believe that you could put a YMCA ahead of protecting our environment and restoring lost property rights.